



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 5, 1999

**S. 1398**

**A bill to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal  
Barrier Resources System**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on  
September 29, 1999*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1398 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we expect that net changes in direct spending would be negligible. S. 1398 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1398 would correct maps of the Coastal Barrier Resource System in North Carolina. The proposed correction would revise the boundaries of a unit of the system to include 3,060 acres of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and exclude 141 acres of developed land. This change would enable local property owners occupying the excluded acreage to obtain federal flood insurance. Once insurance policies have been written on the affected properties, offsetting collections from premiums paid into the national flood insurance fund would increase by less than \$200,000 per year. Collections would be partially offset by new mandatory spending for underwriting and administrative expenses. The federal government might also incur additional costs for losses associated with any future floods that might affect this land, but CBO has no basis for predicting such floods or their resulting costs.

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